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Majority prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was seasonally slow to fair following the holiday, slightly better for food service. Supplies were adequate to ample as plants returned to normal processing schedules. In the parts structure, wings were in good balance to short and clearing. The remaining parts were at least adequate with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/29-12/04/99 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
		(Includes branded product)			
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	59.50-61.00	59.50	15	60.89	24
Chicago	51.00-53.00	53.53	46	55.67	75
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	60.36	35
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.23	13
Denver	63.50	63.38	17	62.31	39
Detroit	52.00-56.00	56.00	12	57.71	48
Los Angeles	64.00	62.74	61	62.57	125
New York	57.00-60.00	57.47	34	60.32	75
Philadelphia	54.00-59.00	56.00	8	57.87	26
Pittsburgh	53.50-57.00	55.20	10	59.42	64
St. Louis	53.50-54.00	53.30	18	55.61	41
San Francisco	64.50	63.59	32	62.53	113

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	11/29/99	Change/Last Wk	11/22/99	11/30/98
678	59.82	-0.31	60.13	62.69

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	58.00-64.00	60.72	38
Central	56.00-60.00	58.89	55
West	55.00-65.50	62.02	58

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.00-59.50	58.15	77
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 58.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,002	50.00-61.70	57.45

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	136.50	3,429
BREASTS - WHOLE	73.00	1,704
THIGH MEAT - B/S	67.00	508
LEG QUARTERS	20.50	7,191
WINGS	73.50	2,528

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Post holiday demand was light to fair with little trading as trade mostly assessed needs. Supplies were balanced to well cleared due in part to reduced schedules last week. In the parts structure, wings were adequate to tight and moving. All other items were at least sufficient with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WEST COAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices unchanged from last week. Trade sentiment about steady. Offerings began the week in an adequate position. Buyer's needs increased to cover post-holiday and first-of-the-month needs. Retailer demand improved and was moderate to good, particularly in Northern California to cover planned feature activities. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was generally steady on parts with wings in the strongest position. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was 56.51 down .14 from last Monday with the volume reported up 35 percent at 27 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices for this week's trading were unchanged into Chicago, St. Louis and Detroit, TFEWR elsewhere from last Monday's final majority. Whole fryer trade sentiment was steady. Offerings were limited to adequate for the light buyer interest. Chicago and Ohio reported fair retail demand, all other areas were slow. Food service demand was moderate to fairly good in Ohio and Chicago, slow to fair elsewhere. Floor stocks mostly adequate, sizes desirable. Parts supplies were short on wings, at least adequate on all other items. Trade sentiment was fully steady on wings, about steady on the remainder of parts.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying interest on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair following the week-end. Offerings were in good balance on 3 pound and heavier sizes, fully adequate on the smaller sizes. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was generally steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were in close balance. All other items were at least adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as slow to seasonally fair. Offerings were in fairly good balance on the over 3 pound sizes; adequate to ample on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly in a range of desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was generally steady. In the parts complex, supplies were fully sufficient for the light and highly selective buying interest. Breast items were at least adequate. Wings were in close balance, however, some handcuts were slow to clear.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR
IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP
SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK
CITY FROM DELMARVA. **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	61-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.59
NO. OF BOXES	9,423

*5 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest continued quiet following the long weekend. Offerings were sufficient for immediate trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair at best. The market tone was barely steady for breast items, generally steady on the balance of items.
PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130-135	134.01	405,200
TENDERLOINS	130	133.62	84,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	71.41	140,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	62.60	180,000
LEGS	26-27	30.34	203,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16-17	18.27	231,520
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	32.76	80,080
THIGHS	19-20	29.66	63,320
B/S THIGHS	70-71	76.05	29,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	71-72	80.34	172,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	44,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	45-50	49.82	45,480
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.25	63,880

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	502	120.00-161.00	130-136	132.42
TENDERLOINS	103	135.00-173.00	-	151.98
BREAST - WITH RIBS	358	63.00-84.00	63	65.01
FRONT HALVES	280	53.00-65.00	53-54	53.29
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	232	17.00-20.00	17	17.29
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	792	19.00-20.00	19	19.09
WINGS (WHOLE)	148	60.00-71.00	64-67	65.69
DRUMSTICKS	61	31.00-45.00	31	35.86
THIGHS	NO TRADING REPORTED			

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	11/29	11/25	11/25	11/22	11/18
ALA	3,881	0	0.00	3,846	5.03
ARK	5,129	0	0.00	5,088	4.79
DELMARVA	2,214	0	0.00	2,084	4.97
KY-LA-TN	1,807	0	0.00	1,674	4.26
MISS	2,627	0	0.00	2,692	4.88
NC	2,614	0	0.00	2,526	5.79
TEXAS	2,220	0	0.00	2,174	4.58
TOTAL	20,492	0	0.00	20,084	4.93
MON	20,492(A)			20,084(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 29-Nov 1999 is estimated to be 30,658,000 up 1.73 percent from a week ago and up 3.70 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,138,000, last year 29,564,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	467	120.00-183.00	125-130	131.13
TENDERLOINS	77	125.00-170.00	130-135	152.14
BREAST - LINE RUN	95	67.00-74.00	67-69	67.59
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	87	23.50-34.00	24-26	24.34
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	259	15.00-19.00	15-16	16.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,060	17.50-22.00	19-20	19.86
WINGS (WHOLE)	103	68.00-73.00	70-72	70.74
WINGS (CUT)	304	83.00-92.00	83-85	85.28
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	85	19.00-34.00	-	20.35
B/S THIGHS	59	60.00-72.00	-	64.27

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
 TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 29, 1999 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	33.00 - 38.50	35.48

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 11/29-12/03/99

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	120.00 - 140.00	130.00 - 135.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	63.00 - 74.50	63.00 - 65.00
LEGS	26.00 - 36.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 23.00	18.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	29.00 - 37.00	29.00 - 31.00
WINGS (WHOLE)	61.50 - 77.00	68.00 - 72.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 12.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	27.50 - 32.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	76-91
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	79-97
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	81-93
FROZEN DUCKS	135-149
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	79-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	82-88
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-97
	DRY PACK	107
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104
	DRY PACK	112
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	91
DUCKS		149-166

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. NOVEMBER 26, 1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.00-18.00	-	17.00-18.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.63		17.56	
1,000,000 pounds, this includes 320,000 pounds for export shipment.				

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	16.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE				16.75
320,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-17.50	-	12.00-13.00	13.00-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	17.05		12.54	14.43
1,586,920 pounds, this includes 680,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	13.50	-
WTD AVERAGE			13.50	
160,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV				

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair with current processing schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 29-NOV-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-19.5	10-14	13.34

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. NOVEMBER 26, 1999

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	14.00-15.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			14.67	
91,200 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	-	-	11.00-14.00	13.00-14.50
WTD AVERAGE			11.32	13.59
1,594,200 pounds, this includes 530,400 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				
0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.				
* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI				

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT Majority trading was slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for usually adequate offerings. Processing schedules were generally normal. The undertone was mostly steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 29-NOV-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7.5-16.5 CENTS/LB.	8-14.5	11.00
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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